



Break the ice

if a person, event or activity breaks the ice, they make people feel more relaxed and comfortable in a social situation

- Teachers usually **break the ice** with new classes by some fun activities.
- This presentation, with a few jokes, was a good **ice-breaker**.
- Do **ice-breakers** in your class. Use a discussion topic as an ice breaker.

*An **icebreaker** is the activity that is used to break the ice*

Get off on the wrong foot

to start a relationship or an activity badly

- We **got off on the wrong foot** the first time we met, but she is my best friend now.
- I think we **got off on the wrong foot** if we ask ourselves how can we arrange things.

Get on like a house on fire

if two people get on like a house on fire, they quickly become close friends

- I only had one conversation with her, and we **got on like a house on fire**.

Get on someone's nerves

if someone or something gets on your nerves, they make you very annoyed

- She talks all the time and it **gets on my nerves**.
- But I am a truth teller. That's why they **get on my nerves**. Because I've got the truth and the don't.

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Give someone the cold shoulder

if someone gives you the cold shoulder, they stop being friendly to you, they start ignoring you, on purpose

- A: What's wrong with Kate? She's been **giving me the cold shoulder** the whole day.
B: She thinks you told the boss that she came late.
- Our neighbors **give us the cold shoulder**. Our parents don't approve of our lifestyles.

Go back a long way / Go way back

to have been friends for a very long time

- Don't worry about Tom, I will talk to him. He and I **go back a long way**.
- You know, your mother and I **go way back**.

Fill in the blanks.

Sometimes unlikely friends can



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